

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2011

**Agenda Item:** 2012 – 2013 Bison Hunting Seasons, Quota Ranges and HD Boundaries

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Approval of Proposed Rule

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 minutes

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### **Background**

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for all game species. This happens every other year between December and Final adoptions in February. In proposing regulations to the Commission, FWP proposes existing structure except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

For 2012 and 2013 bison hunting season structures, there are no proposed changes from the existing regulations.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

Bison seasons did receive some scoping comments to include interest in more hunter opportunity. In addition to public comment at the Dec. 8 Commission meeting, public comment will run thru 5:00 PM Monday, Jan. 23, 2012. Any final adoptions will take place at the Feb. 16, 2012 Commission meeting.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2011 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

### **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

Rationale for individual proposals have been included in Commission information packets and may be further articulated at the Dec. 8 Commission meeting.

**Proposed Motion:** I move the Commission adopt the 2012 and 2013 Bison Hunting Seasons and Hunting Districts as proposed by FWP.